

Elder Update

Redemption Bible Chapel London

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"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

GENERAL MINISTRY UPDATE

- Spring is here, and while most of us are excited for the warmer weather and don't miss the snow, let's all remember that God is good in every season, and we are to give thanks in all things... when it's 20 degrees and sunny, and in -25 in a blizzard.
- 2025 is off to a wonderful start, with our Free Indeed conference in February, where we had 600 men join us here at Redemption. What a wonderful weekend of powerful worship and preaching from the Word. It is overwhelming that with all the sites, there were 2400 men gathered for worship, the Word, and prayer! Such a wonderful working of God. We are already looking forward to Free Indeed 2026 – mark your calendar for February 6-7, 2026.
- We are also excited for our annual Women's Conference, Radiant, coming up on June 6-7. Registration opens on April 1, so we would encourage all Redemption women to mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and prepare your heart for a refreshing time in the Word. We know June isn't a great time for a conference, with the spring weather upon us, but we are believing that this will be well worth the sacrifice as, we believe by faith, that God will work just like He did in the men's conference.
- We are grateful as we continue to see God at work in our Sunday services. We are continuing our study through the book of Genesis, which has taken us two years, but will wrap up in June.
- Our church is growing and Sunday services are full. We are thankful for a church with a heart of kindness to guests – being patient as we find seats for people and helping our ushers.

- We know our parking is overloaded, especially with that huge pile of snow. We apologize, but we couldn't get it removed, so we encourage you, if you get here a little late, you can park on Wortley Road, next to our property, or down Mountsfield Drive (directly across from our back exit) in front of the school or at the far end of the school in their parking lot (the school has given us permission to use their lot on Sundays).
- In light of our overflowing services, we would remind you of our request for a number of you to prayerfully consider a move to Forest City Bible Church (fcbchurch.ca) or Knollwood Baptist Church (knollwood.ca). These are two churches, faithful and Biblical in leadership and mission, who are in revitalization seasons and would greatly benefit by many individuals or families moving to their ministry and putting your hands to the plow, to help advance the kingdom of Jesus.
- We've got many events planned this spring, so be sure to watch our e-bulletin for updates. We've got events planned for everyone, of all ages and stages of life, whether you're new to Redemption, or have been around for 25 years.
- We continue to thank God for His faithfulness in all seasons over the 25 years of our history and look forward with eager expectation of what He will do in 2025.

25th ANNIVERSARY

- On March 2, we celebrated our 25th anniversary as a church with a special service, giving thanks to God. It was a wonderful service with a record 25 songs sung, and time in the Word thanking God. You can view this service [here](#) if you missed it.
- We're not done celebrating our 25th anniversary and have more planned to mark this milestone year, including a summer picnic, another opportunity to order merchandise, and more.

EASTER

- One thing that has not changed for Redemption in 25 years is the importance of celebrating the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus through the Easter season.

- This year, Redemption is excited to join with other gospel churches in London (Compass Community, Forest City Bible, Jacqueline Street Alliance, Knollwood Baptist, and West London Alliance) to celebrate Good Friday.
- **Join us at Centennial Hall in downtown London** (550 Wellington Street) **on Friday April 18**. There will be two identical services – one at 9:00am, the other at 11:00am.
- We strongly encourage you to plan to attend this and invite some friends and others to join you. This is a wonderful chance to support the larger family of God in London, celebrating our partnership in ministry as a group of like-minded churches.
- You will need to register for one of the two services. There is no cost, but we want to ensure we do not have to turn people away. You can register [here](#).
- On Easter Sunday, April 20, join us back here at Redemption as we celebrate our risen Saviour. **We will be holding three services at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm** to accommodate the increased number of guests we are anticipating. Our 10:00am service is usually the most full, so if you are able, we would encourage you to join the 8am or 12pm service, as this will make it easier for you to find a parking spot and a seat in our worship centre.
- Be sure to invite your friends and family to either or both of these special Easter services and pray God would work to save those who have not come to faith, and encourage those who have, with the foundational truth of the gospel.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- In our last update, we were praising God that our year-end giving was above budget, and while expenses were still coming in for 2024, it was looking promising that we would end the year with donations covering expenses.
- We are pleased to report that all expenses are in, and God has again provided – our donations have indeed covered our expenses. Thank you to all our people for your generosity and heart for the kingdom as you support the ministries at Redemption. Any surplus goes back into

advancing our ministry as we move forward, both within our church ministries, and at times to help other like-minded gospel ministries.

- Our 2024 audit has begun, and our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 22. If you are a member at Redemption, watch your email for more information and our audited financial statements to be sent out in May.
- We would ask you to prayerfully consider if you could give extra on a regular basis, or if you haven't started giving, would you give regularly and generously? We have an open door within our church to further expand our kingdom impact, especially in the area of our Soul Care ministry as we seek to help disciple people who are facing trials, struggles, loss, hurt, confusion, etc. Also, the Lord continues to open doors for us to help the larger kingdom family outside our church ministries. If and when the Lord provides more donations, we can step into some wonderful areas that would help exponentially expand the kingdom of Christ.

UPCOMING PLANS

- We would encourage all of you to consider signing up for and attending a GCC micro-conference, May 2-3 (Friday evening, Saturday) at Hope Oakville. We are encouraging all GCC churches, leaders, members, and adherents to attend this conference, focused on discipleship. There will be some great main sessions with worship and the Word, and then some tracks of workshops, focusing on various ministries, such as kids, youth, worship, small groups, soul care, etc. You can get some great training and encouragement in specific ministries as well as times in worship and the Word, never mind fellowship with our larger church family within our association. Visit gccollective.ca/events for more information or to register to attend.
- Also, this spring we at Redemption London will be training our elders and staff on a new focus by our association (the Great Commission Collective – GCC). It isn't actually that new, more of a re-commitment to what we have been seeking to do for several decades.
- It is easy for churches to slowly drift off mission, so this endeavor, called, "Multiply" is a re-focusing back to our call from Christ, to multiply

disciples, multiply leaders, and multiply churches. In other words, fulfill the Great Commission.

- It is our prayer that this enhanced training and focus this spring will help our leaders implement the Multiply vision in our 2025-26 ministry plans, so watch for this as we approach our new ministry season in the fall.
- As part of that, combined with our commitment to this new Soul Care ministry God has given us, this coming fall, all our discipleship ministries will focus on Soul Care teaching all fall.
- We now have, by God's grace, a healthy and thriving Biblical Counselling ministry, but Soul Care is the implementation of Biblical Counselling into all the discipleship ministries of the church.
- So be praying for this as we work toward a full fall schedule of teaching and application in all our discipleship ministries, focusing on the truths that we have learned in our Biblical Counselling area.
- Bottom line, this is simply discipleship, learning to understand, trust, and apply the Word of God, enabled by the Spirit of God, in our lives in all situations and circumstances, including when we are hurting, suffering, attacked, in trials, etc.